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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committees on
WATER & LAND
and
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, March 27, 2015
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 185
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FOUR TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS
COVERING PORTIONS OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT STABLE ROAD BEACH,
STABLE ROAD, SPRECKLESVILLE, WAILUKU, MAUI, FOR THE USE,
MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF FOUR EXISTING ROCK GROINS**

House Concurrent Resolution 185 requests the authorization to issue four term, non-exclusive easements covering a total of approximately 7,078 square feet, more or less, being portions of State submerged lands fronting the properties identified as Tax Map Keys: (2) 3-8-002: seaward of 071, 074, 077, 078 and 094,¹ at Sprecklesville, Wailuku, Maui for use, maintenance and repair of four existing rock groins constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") supports this concurrent resolution.**

The Stable Road Beach Restoration Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation") worked with the Department and other State, County of Maui and Federal agencies to secure the necessary permits and approvals to construct four rock groins fronting the private properties identified above to address beach erosion. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("Board") may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on September 26, 2014, under agenda

¹ Although the rock groins are adjacent to five parcels, only four owners are participating in the beach restoration / groin project. These four owners, who are identified in the resolution, will be the grantees of the easements.

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item D-6, the Board approved the construction of the rock groins and the issuance of four term, non-exclusive easements for the purposes stated above. The easements will be issued to the owners of four parcels adjacent to the rock groins.

The Board approval of September 26, 2014 requires the easements to be appraised at fair market value by an independent appraisal. However, the Foundation requested consideration of the public benefit of the groins in determining the amount to be paid to the State for the easements. The Board approval requires the issue of valuation to be taken back to the Board once the easements are appraised. The Department believes the grantees should pay the fair market value of the easements for the use of public lands, and will make that recommendation to the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.